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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefings of the President-Elect

1. On 19 and 20 November the DCI briefed the President-Elect at 716 Jackson Place. Present in addition to Governor Reagan were the Vice-President-Elect, Messrs. Meese, Allen, Casey and Baker, and Admiral Murphy. On 19 November the DCI was accompanied by [redacted] and myself and on 20 November by General Whitehead, Mr. Huffstutler, and myself.

2. On 19 November we briefed on the Iran-Iraq war, the internal situation in Iran, more general Middle Eastern issues concerning Israel and Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan. The DCI opened that session with a short presentation on the organization and functioning of the Intelligence Community. On 20 November we briefed on Poland, Central America, and the NATO-Warsaw Pact balance. Because the session was terminated early, the Soviet strategic and economic briefings were not delivered; they are to be rescheduled in December. Copies of the substantive briefings actually used are attached.

3. Before the session with the President-Elect on 19 November, [redacted] the Office of Security gave a security briefing to Meese, Allen, Casey and Baker.

4. The briefings in general went well. There were a number of questions, mostly from Ambassador Bush and Mr. Allen. Governor Reagan's questions went largely in the direction of "what can we do about it?"

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Attachments

Addendum:

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